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Dear Ms. Woods,

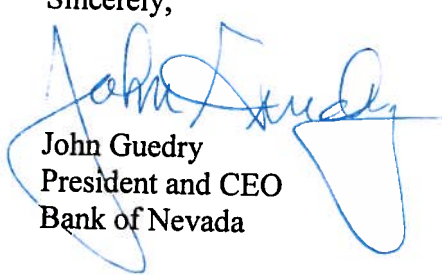
I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Groundwater Development Project.

This water is needed to support the drinking-water needs of Nevada's most populated urban area, which consists of nearly two million residents and affords significant economic advantages for communities throughout the state. We are in the midst of one of Nevada's most challenging times – crippled housing markets, high unemployment rates and economic instability are just a few indications.

While these problems may take years to overcome, the need for a reliable and consistent water supply for Southern Nevada requires immediate attention. Drought and other factors continue to impact available water supplies, as demonstrated by Lake Mead's significant water level decline. Additional water supplies are required to help offset limitations with existing water resources and I believe the SNWA's project will serve this purpose.

I urge you to grant the SNWA rights-of-way to develop its Groundwater Development Project for the benefit of Southern Nevada and the entire state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Guedry  
President and CEO  
Bank of Nevada